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For: METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR MODIFYING THE PROPERTIES OF A

MEMBRANE FOR AN ELECTROACOUSTIC TRANSDUCER

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

## Sir/Madam:

In the Office Action dated April 13, 2009, the Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group A: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method for producing a membrane; and

Group B: Claims 11-19, drawing to an apparatus for producing a membrane.

In response, Applicants elect without traverse Group A for prosecution. Claims 1-10 are readable on the elected Group A.

Applicants respectfully suggest that claims 1-10 in the patent application are distinct over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted, Amon et al.

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